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AFL Convention Ends Work

Meany Tells Tobin of AFL Actions

AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany (left) brings Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin up to date on AFL actions during the latter member's visit on second day of 66th convention in St. Paul.

Hoffman Talks to Reporters at Convention

Paul G. Hoffman (in front of microphone), economic cooperation administrator, answers questions of newsmen from Washington, New York, Chicago and other cities covering St. Paul convention.

Green Praises Hoffman for ECA Job

AFL President William Green (left) tells Paul G. Hoffman what a good job he is doing as administrator of the Economic Cooperation Administration. Introducing Mr. Hoffman at the St. Paul convention, Mr. Green said his agency is doing more than any other government arm to establish international peace and security.

Leaders Pay Honor To John Dewey, 90

By ARNOLD BEICHMAN
New York Correspondent for AFL News Service

New York.—On the night of Oct. 20, several thousand of the most distinguished leaders in public life, outstanding trade unionists and noted intellectuals, will rise to their feet at a dinner here to pay tribute to a great American philosopher, whose thinking and writing has had a profound influence in shaping our contemporary world.

The philosopher is John Dewey, whose 90th birthday will become an occasion at which labor leaders, knowing what this renowned liberal has done to aid the free trade union movement here and abroad, will pay him homage.

President William Green in a statement of greetings has declared:

"No one can adequately appraise the value of the service Professor Dewey has rendered in an educational, scientific and thought-provoking field. He has stimulated sound thinking, a more clear understanding of social, economic and scientific problems."

Describing Professor Dewey as "one of the noblest spirits of our time," David Dubinsky, ILGWU president, declared:

"John Dewey is a foremost educator and a revered teacher. To us in the labor movement, he is also a shining symbol of liberal democracy whose idealism and goals are blended inseparably with the aspirations and strivings of the common people of the masses."

The ILGWU will also contribute $10,000 toward a John Dewey Fund to be presented to him to give to liberal causes. Other labor groups will contribute.

Among outstanding AFL leaders who are sponsoring the dinner are Mark Starr, John P. Burke, John D. Connors, Israel Feinberg, Patrick J. Gorman, George M. Harrison, Marx Lewis, A. Philip Randolph, Rebecca Simonson, Irving B. Kosnoll, Matthew Woll and Max Zaritsky.

Still vigorous and alert, Professor Dewey takes an active interest in politics and allied issues.

It was he who pressed the American teacher to join forces with the labor movement, who fought for the strengthening of civil liberties, who sought every way to improve education in America.

Randolph Presents Antibias Award to Green

President A. Philip Randolph of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters presents award to AFL President William Green in honor of his long fight against discrimination because of race, creed, color or national origin. Occasion was a highlight of the AFL's 66th convention in St. Paul. President Lee W. Minton of Glass Bottle Blowers Association watches.

AFL Fight Against Discrimination Told to World by Voice of America

St. Paul.—The American Federation of Labor's long fight against discrimination because of race, creed, color or nationality was broadcast to the world in 21 languages by the Voice of America.

President William Green said in the broadcast that the American Federation of Labor can be relied on "to practice and preach brotherhood everywhere, any place, and to fight against discrimination because of race, creed, color or nationality anywhere or any place."

Mr. Green opened this pledge of policy just after accepting a plaque from A. Philip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters International Union. The presentation was made at the 66th annual AFL convention "for distinguished service in the fight for abolition of racial discrimination in the labor movement."

In his presentation remarks, Mr. Randolph said that division in the ranks of labor because of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry weakens the labor movement and disarms it in its fight to achieve higher wage rates, improved working conditions, shorter hours of work, democracy and peace.

"You, Brother Green, have given of your talent and ability and the power and prestige of your office to help eliminate all forms of discrimination and segregation in the labor movement," Mr. Randolph said.

"The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters," Mr. Randolph said, "seeing that the powerful and menacing forces of Communism in the United States, Europe, Asia and Africa, are seeking to split or control the labor movement and minorities, white and colored, takes this occasion as a challenge and refutation to the vicious misrepresentations and violent psychological warfare being waged by totalitarian Communist Russia and her satellites against a free trade union movement, the Negro liberation movement, and the cause of the western democracies in general and the democracy of the United States in particular."

Mr. Green responded that the AFL understood early in life that it is impossible to establish the brotherhood of man until every man of character and standing, regardless of creed, color or nationality, is permitted to join and work with all other workers in the nation.

"I cannot conceive," Mr. Green said, "of the establishment of that principle and that organization anywhere on any place until those who advocate brotherhood practice brotherhood and express themselves repeatedly over and over again as opposed to discrimination because of creed, color or nationality any where, any time in the United States.

"We have grown and developed and expended, serving in that capacity and preaching that unchallenged doctrine," he said. "We are advocating it. We stand for it. We are united. We are going to make it more effective in the future than we have in the past."

Green Calls on Members To Support Chest Drive

Washington.—President William Green called on AFL members and their friends "to extend their fullest support to the Community Chest drives" for 1949.

Mr. Green made the appeal in the nationwide community chest show staged by the Columbia Broadcasting System. Lionel Barrymore, Edward Arnold and other stars of entertainment participated in the program.

"The health and welfare of all people in this nation is a primary concern of the American Federation of Labor and its membership," Mr. Green said. "The Red Feather activities supported by Community Chests are a living expression of the traditional American generosity and our interest in the health and welfare of our fellow citizens.

"I take particular pleasure in endorsing the Community Chest campaigns because through their policy of federated giving they succeed in diminishing the multiplicity of solicitations which annoy the American public. Secondly, in having representatives from labor, management, and the professions serve on the boards and committees of the Community Chests and their participating Red Feather agencies, they are a living expression of the traditional American generosity and our nation cooperating to serve all the people.

"I sincerely hope this year's campaign launched by the Community Chests and Councils of America will meet with a full measure of success. I respectfully call upon labor and labor's friends everywhere to extend their fullest support to the Community Chest drives."

Council Members at St. Paul Convention

Four members of the Executive Council study proposal before 66th AFL convention in their places on platform—l. to r.—AFL Vice Presidents Herman Winter, president Bakery and Confectionery Workers; W. C. Birthwright, president Barbers and Hairdressers; Dan W. Tracy, president Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and Matthew Woll of the Engravers Union.

Green Tells Lewis Labor Must Unite

Says Pooling Resources Impossible Without Organic Unity

Washington.—AFL President William Green said that "pooling need" now in organized labor's fight for an improved standard of living is for organic unity within the ranks of labor.

In a letter to President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers, Mr. Green said that "the pooling of labor's resources while divided as it is today" is impossible and impracticable.

Mr. Green's letter was a reply to Mr. Lewis' suggestion that 9 AFL unions and the miners contribute $250,000 each per week to the CIO United Steelworkers to help win that union's strike against the steel industry. Mr. Green said:

"In acknowledging receipt of your letter dated October 14, permit me to assure you that the information you transmitted and the suggestions and proposals you made have been given careful, profound and sympathetic consideration.

"None of us who have lived with the organized labor movement during the entire lifetime are moved by a sincere desire and hope that workers here are engaged in a fight for the realization of a higher standard of living and improved social and economic conditions shall win.

"In connection with your suggestion, I am moved by a sense of duty to refrain from in any way regarding the organizational structure of the American Federation of Labor with which you are quite familiar. As you well know, each year officers, and international union chartered by the American Federation of Labor, is clothed with autonomous authority to administer its affairs without limitation or restriction. The officers and members of each national and international union formulate policies and regulate the conduct of affairs, free from interference in any way on the part of the American Federation of Labor. For that reason each national and international union must determine for itself as to whether it could or would disburse one-quarter of a million dollars per week for an indefinite period as suggested in your communication.

"It is my opinion that the officers of each national and international union to whom your proposal might be submitted would immediately inquire if President Murray of the Steel Workers International Union requested you to submit $250,000 per week from 9 international unions of the standing Committee of Labor Unity, Murray requested the financial assistance referred to in your proposal? Is your proposal based upon a request you received from Mr. Murray for financial assistance? This inquiry would, in my judgment, be made by international unions because Mr. Murray has never either directly or indirectly requested any financial assistance from the representatives of international unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. So far as I know, he has never asked any representatives of the American Federation of Labor or organizations affiliated with it for financial help.

"Please send me an answer to this inquiry so that I can, in the event it seems necessary, transmit it to the members of the Executive Council and of national and international unions when your suggestion and proposal may be brought to their attention.

"In transmitting this answer to your communication, it seems fitting and appropriate for me to make the following comments:

"Experience is a great teacher. It has taught the officers and members of organized labor many valuable lessons. It is teaching us one now. The crying need for the establishment and maintenance of a united labor movement in our country is being emphasized over and over again. The establishment of organic unity within the ranks of labor is a basic primary requirement. Through such a united labor movement, the economic power of all the workers of the nation could be mobilized. Their finances could be united and centralized. The obligation of each worker to the other could be successfully discharged. The moral, financial, economic and psychological power of the millions of workers in our country could be united and blended into one common purpose and for the realization of one common objective.

"The question is and should be answered—Shall we have a united labor movement or shall we continue divided and discordant?

"The pooling of labor's resources while divided, as it is today, is impossible and impracticable. At best it would be but a shadow without substance. The cross-currents of division, competition and discord would run through the labor movement of our nation at the present time make it increasingly difficult for workers to achieve their commendable aims, purposes and objectives.

"I have appealed repeatedly over all the years since differences took place within the ranks of labor to the leaders of labor to return to the house of labor where they belong. That is another task, together, work together and unite together in the realization of a common purpose. I hope and trust that the day will come ere long when a favorable response will be made to this appeal."

AFL on Air

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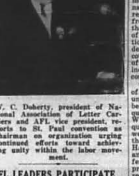
WINS CONTEST AWARD

St. Paul.—The Retail Clerks International Association awarded a television set to Don Beveridge, member of Local 676, East St. Louis, Ill., for the best suggestion to increase reader interest in "The Advocate," the international union's publication. There were 20,000 entries.

GIVEN ORCHIDS

St. Paul.—AFL President William Green and Secretary-Treasurer George Meany each received a lei of orchids down to the AFL's 66th convention from Hawaii and presented during the sessions by Hawaiian Delegate Jack Kelle, representing the Honolulu Central Labor Council.

Urges Labor Unity



W. C. Doherty, president of National Association of Letter Carriers and AFL vice president, reports to St. Paul convention as chairman of organization urging continued efforts toward achieving unity within the labor movement.

AFL LEADERS PARTICIPATE IN UNITED NATIONS DAY

Washington.—AFL leaders and unions planned to participate in observance of United Nations Day Oct. 24.

Nelson H. Cruickshank, director of the AFL social security department, is a member of the executive committee of the national committee sponsoring observance of the occasion.

The day is to be given to increasing understanding of the work and purposes of the United Nations.

Firefighters President Admires Her Hat

John P. Redmond, president of the International Association of Fire Fighters, admires one of the seven hats worn to the St. Paul convention by Carmen Lucia, vice president of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union and advocate of intensive southern organizing campaign.

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SUPPLEMENT

WILLIAM GREEN, *President* — WASHINGTON, D. C., FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1949 — GEORGE MEANY, *Secretary-Treasurer*

VOTE!
The Date Is NOVEMBER 8

Meany Calls London Meeting 'Great Hope' of All Workers

By GEORGE MEANY
Secretary-Treasurer American Federation of Labor

AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany gave the following summary of the St. Paul convention for broadcasting by the Voice of America in 21 languages. He set forth the aims of the AFL for the new anticommunist world labor organization to be established in London November 25.

On behalf of the American Federation of Labor, which has just concluded its 68th annual convention, I bring a message to working people all over the world—a message of hope and fraternity, a pledge of help and cooperation for all those who believe in peace, in freedom and in human progress.

At this convention, the spokesmen of the 6,000,000 workers who make up the American Federation of Labor were given full expression in free and open debate. This year, more than ever before, they were concerned not only with their own internal problems, but with yours—the difficult and dangerous problems of the people of Europe and Latin America.

Let me sum up briefly the convention's declarations of policy on vital international affairs:

First, we found, after a careful review of the world situation, that the imperialistic and aggressive policies of Soviet Russia constitute a mounting menace to the peace of the world.

Secondly, we decided, by unanimous vote, that there must be no appeasement of the Soviet dictatorship because that course could only result in eventual submission and slavery. Instead, we proposed a united democratic nation to exert still greater efforts to resist Russia and to protect the peace and security of freedom-loving people throughout the world by every means possible. America will never forget or desert her good neighbors.

Third, in the specific case of Europe, we voted full support for the continuing operation on a full-scale basis of the Marshall Plan. We declared that no effort must be spared to unite the free world and restore the economic strength of democratic Europe into an effective instrument to wipe out poverty and to resist tyranny and aggression. We condemn and condition against further reparations and the dismantling of German factories. And we made it clear that we oppose any interference in the domestic affairs of the countries receiving assistance under the European Recovery Program.

Fourth, disturbing crisis in the Far East was also given serious called for a constructive American policy to protect the long-suffering people of Asia from being enslaved by Soviet fascism. We set out specific proposals for stern measures to unite and protect the free forces of Asia and to refuse any diplomatic recognition of any government which collaborates with the Communist quislings of China. We emphasized our unalterable conviction that all men—regardless of color or race—are equally entitled to the pursuit of life, liberty, social justice and human happiness.

Fifth, we extended the hand of fellowship to our neighbors in Latin America and pledged our continued aid to our fellow workers in the south in improving their conditions of work and in the protection of their basic freedom from dictatorship of the right or left.

Sixth, our convention approved the Truman program for the development of industrially backward areas of the world where the people are engaged in a constant struggle for food and for the bare necessities of life. spread poverty.

Finally, and to my mind of supreme importance, the delegates voted unanimously to empower the leaders of the American Federation of Labor to join together with the representatives of free trade union movements of 44 other nations in a truly worldwide and truly democratic world-wide federation of labor which is to be established at a conference to be held on November 28.

I am going to that conference as one of the representatives of the American Federation of Labor because I regard this new world labor organization as the great hope of workers everywhere. If we are to make peace and freedom secure, if we are to abolish the cruel and inhuman institution of slavery, if we are to build progress and a better life for ourselves and our children—the mighty voice of free labor must be heard in the councils of the United Nations. By joining in such a world labor organization can not only expose the deception of Communist propaganda, but it can work to create in the future high standards of work and living for all workers which will teach them far more effectively than mere words the advantages of a free society over the subjugation to dictatorship.

Of course, our convention dealt with domestic as well as international affairs. We adopted programs to increase our membership by organization drives, to raise working standards through collective bargaining, to improve social security protections of the people through legislation and to repeal reactionary legislation like the political provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act. We want you to know that we intend to keep on going forward in America and that we want to help you in other lands to keep going forward.

As Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson told our convention: "American labor has a message for labor and for the world."

As I see it, that message is: Keep up the fight for peace and freedom and progress. We are with you in the fight.

EUROPEAN DIET IMPROVES BUT STILL BELOW PREWAR

Washington.—Although Europeans are eating better, the quality of the average European diet is still below prewar and substantially below that of the United States, the Economic Cooperation Administration said today in its 15th report to the ECA Public Advisory Board.

The report commented on various phases of European recovery in a special section illustrated with charts and containing excerpts from Administrator Paul G. Hoffman's recent Battle Creek, Mich., speech.

"The average European, in contrast to the average resident of the United States, dines heavily on bread and potatoes, eats less of the relatively more expensive and diversified fruits, meat, dairy products, fats and sugar," the report says. It notes, however, that some recovery in quality occurred during the last year and that additional improvement is expected during 1949-1950.

URGES ORGANIZING OF WHITE COLLAR WORKERS

St. Paul.—AFL unions were urged to make sure that white collar workers are organized under the AFL banner.

Paul Hutchings, president of the Office Employes International Union, told the 68th annual convention that "organization in any workplace which is not complete and secure until the office and clerical staff of that establishment has been brought within the fold of the AFL and its appropriate international unions."

Hutchings gave this reminder as delegates referred to the executive council a resolution calling for a national AFL conference on organizing white collar workers in the United States and Canada.

The resolution said that the economic position of white collar workers has shown less improvement than any other section of the working population and tends to depress the rates and conditions of all industrial workers.

NAME SCHOOL FOR AFL LEADER

San Francisco.—The board of education announced that its new trade high school will be named the John O'Connell Vocational and Technical Institute in honor of a pioneer labor figure who served as secretary of the San Francisco Labor Council for 30 years, until his death in 1948.

NEIL MILLER, AFL EDITOR, JOINS ECA PARIS STAFF

Paris.—Cornelius Miller, assistant editor of the publication of the American Federation of Labor, has joined the information staff of the Office of the Special Representative in Europe of the Economic Cooperation Administration.

Mr. Miller, 33, was until his employment by ECA, the editor of the news service of the American Federation of Labor. He has spent 6 weeks in Europe last winter and has written feature reporting on the participation of American labor in the European Recovery Program. At that time he visited the British Labor Party, Holland, Belgium and Italy.

Mr. Miller is a graduate of Amherst College. During World War II he served in the United States Navy. He is married and has 3 children. He is the son-in-law of the late Robert J. Watt, who served for many years as the international representative of the AFL.

TOBIN SAYS TRADE UNIONS GIVE MOST TO UN PROGRESS

Washington.—No group anywhere has done more to help further the aims of the United Nations than the American labor movement, United States, Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin said in a statement today.

Marking the third annual United Nations Day observance, Mr. Tobin noted organized labor's cooperation with the International Labor Organization, World Health Organization and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

"Labor is in the vanguard of these of great faith and strong conviction that are dedicated to building the world we all want," Mr. Tobin said. "Without the brotherhood and make of diverse peoples a truly United Nations."

KEEP DENVER RENT CONTROL

Washington.—Housing Expediter Tighe E. Woods has approved a recommendation that Denver retain rent control.

Woods' decision was hailed by Nathan Wolpaw, president of the Denver Building and Construction Trades Council, as a victory for the entire labor movement in Denver.

AFL Officials Push Union Label Products

Lee W. Minton, president of the Glass Bottle Blowers Association (right), shows one of the lightweight, no-deposit glass bottles made by union members to Vernon A. Housewright, president, and James A. Suffridge, secretary-treasurer of the Retail Clerks International Union. Some of the clerks' union are employed in stores which sell beer in the new-type unionmade bottle. Minton's union has negotiated a six-bottle carrier for beer to each delegate at the AFL convention in St. Paul.

Fight Vote-Robbing In Ohio; Back Lehman

Washington.—Organized labor faces critical tests in November elections in Ohio, New Jersey, Virginia and New Jersey.

Labor's League for Political Education urged the defeat of proposed changes in voting laws in Ohio and Virginia aimed at torpedoing labor strength in 1950 elections. It listed AFL endorsements for the following important races:

1. U. S. Senator from New York—Herbert H. Lehman, Democrat.

2. U. S. Representative from California's 5th District—John F. Shelley, Democrat, San Francisco.

3. U. S. Representative from New York's 10th District—Mrs. Edna F. Kelly, Democrat, Brooklyn.

4. Governor of New Jersey—Elmer H. Wene, Democrat.

AFL officials called the contest between former Governor Lehman of New York and Senator John Foster Dulles, Republican, the number one battle of the November 8 balloting.

Joseph Keenan, director of LPE's League, said that Mr. Lehman "is one of the greatest friends labor has ever had in the New York Statehouse."

AFL leaders pointed out that the election of Mr. Lehman is vital to favorable Senate action early next year on expanding the social security system and for a new attempt to repeal the Taft-Hartley law.

Very close in importance to the election of Mr. Lehman is the election of Mr. Shelley and Mrs. Kelly to congressional vacancies which had been held by 2 staunch friends of labor. Mr. Shelley, president of the California State Federation of Labor, is seeking the seat held by the late Richard J. Welch. Mrs. Kelly, research director for the Democratic party at Albany, N. Y., is contesting the seat held by the late Andrew L. Somers.

Would Take Away Votes

Vicious attempts are being made in voting strength in proposed election law changes in Ohio and Virginia, AFL officials said.

Governor Frank J. Lausche, Democrat, is heading a campaign in Ohio's voting laws which if adopted will give him a 100,000 vote advantage before the polls open next year, they said.

In calling for defeat of the referendum to change the Ohio ballot, Mr. Keenan explained:

"The voters in Ohio are asked by the Taft machine to vote for a referendum to adopt the Massachusetts-type ballot which lists candidates by office rather than by party. Designed to say, the confusion and difficulty in marking this type of ballot will result in long queues at the voting places on election day in 1950.

"Many voters will get discouraged and think they will be so confused and discouraged by the task of selecting out each candidate that they will not mark the ballot completely or carefully. If voters don't want Taft to steal 100,000 votes, they will be at the polls November 8 and vote 'No' against the referendum to change the ballot."

The proposed changes in Virginia, AFL officials said, are the product of that state with "the gravest public scandal in the history of elections" was adopted. The changes would require annual registration for every voter, literacy tests, closing the registration books 120 days in advance of elections, and double the poll tax from $1.50 to $3 a year.

"If these amendments are adopted," Keenan said, "there will be concentrated in Richmond and the hands of the political faction in control potential power over every local election and every official in Virginia. Labor should vote against the amendments."

Governor Thomas B. Stanley's organization of Labor advised members to vote on November 8 for amendments to the Texas constitution which would raise the pay of legislators during sessions of the legislature, and establish a pension system for state and county employes.

AUGUST JOBLESS PAY SETS MONTHLY RECORD

Washington.—Unemployment insurance payments to jobless workers covered by state unemployment insurance law aggregated $710,820,000 in August, the largest amount ever paid out by state employment security agencies in a single month, the Labor Department's Bureau of Employment Security reported here.

BRINGS HAT FOR EACH DAY

St. Paul.—Miss Carmen Loria, Atlanta, Ga., regional organizer and vice president of the United Hatters, Caps and Millinery Workers, brought 7 hats to the AFL's 68th convention, 1 for each day of the sessions.

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SPENDS HER VACATION ATTENDING CONVENTION

St. Paul.—As she has done for 10 consecutive years, Miss Mary Yeoman of the Minnesota Federation of Labor spent her annual vacation attending the convention of the AFL.

Miss Yeoman, who is secretary to Minnesota Federation President Arthur Lee, has been with the work for him in 1917. When the AFL met in New Orleans in 1940, she requested her vacation period to coincide with the session and attended them at her own expense.

"I've done it every year since," Miss Yeoman said. "I find it like President William Green called it in a speech at the Seattle convention in 1941 — a college course."

Miss Yeoman is a member of the Office Employes International Union. She first belonged to the Minneapolis local but transferred in 1931 to become a charter member of the local secretary of the St. Paul local.

PUSH UNION LABEL PAPER

Washington.—The International Labor Press of America urges all labor editors to make sure their publications are printed on union-made paper.

"That is not our kind of freedom," he said.

Mr. Ewing attacked the vicious propaganda by the American Medical Association against a federal health program and other enemies of liberalized federal assistance to education, social welfare, the blind and to dependent children. He praised charity with Government support for federal programs and pledged to carry on his fight for their enactment.

Mr. Green said Mr. Ewing "spoke for the people of our United States."

"I am one of those who believe that the people's health is a matter in which the world is entitled to receive adequate protection from sickness, nursing care and medical attention whenever they are ill," Mr. Green said. "And I believe in a welfare state that will accord to them that kind of service.

"We are united now in an effort to bring about the enactment of social security legislation, adequate legislation, that will meet the needs of our country day life, and a health program that will cooperate with it, marching hand in hand with our social security program. Our health life, is proudly the poorest sufferer from disease, no matter who he is or where he lives, regardless of race, creed, color or nationality.

"We will fight for it until it does come, and I believe in the right of every man not going to rest quietly until we achieve that program."

Congress Adjourns With Record Far Short of Many AFL Objectives

Here's Box Score On 81st Congress

AFL Objectives Achieved in Part

1. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—North Atlantic security treaty; military aid to noncommunist nation members of treaty at first year cost of $1,214,000,000; Marshall plan aid of $5,050,000,000 for a second year; extension of the reciprocal trade agreements.

2. NATIONAL DEFENSE—$15,580,903,426 appropriated to national military establishment; armed services unification act strengthened; pay raises for military personnel amounting to $304,000,000 annually; additional military public works in Alaska and Okinawa.

3. GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION—Bills passed approved including transfer of U. S. Employment Service and Unemployment Compensation Bureau to the Department of Labor; salary raises for President Truman, Vice President Barkley and other top executives of $1,083,000 a year.

4. SALARY RAISES FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYES—885,000 civil workers granted $140 average annual raise and 500,000 postoffice employes $120 a year more.

5. MINIMUM WAGE—Raised from 40 to 75 cents an hour.

6. HOUSING—Authority for low-rent housing, slum-clearance and aid to farm housing.

7. RURAL TELEPHONE SERVICE—Federal loans authorized to extend rural telephone service.

8. COMPENSATION FOR DISABLED GOVERNMENT EMPLOYES —15,000 cases under Public Law 357, and all employes who suffered functional injuries on the job since January 1940, eligible for specific payments. Income received in line of duty from disability can receive up to 75 percent of the base pay not to exceed $525 per month.

Congress Fell Short on These AFL Goals

1. TAFT-HARTLEY REPEAL—Bill reported out by DEPARTMENT OF WELFARE—Killed by vote of president's reorganization plan. 2. FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES AND CIVIL RIGHTS. 3. EXTENDING "POINT FOUR" TO UNDERDEVELOPED AREAS.—No action.

AFL Goals Achieved in One House

1. SOCIAL SECURITY—Bill almost meeting AFL proposals and called by President Truman "greatest legislative victory of this session" passed by house.

2. PUBLIC HOUSING INCOME HOUSING. 3. POLL TAX REPEAL. 4. DISPLACED PERSONS—Passed by House. 5. EDUCATION—Annual appropriation of $300,000,000 for federal aid to state school systems—passed by Senate.

Fails to Finish Action On Social Security, Other Measures

Washington.— The 81st Congress adjourned its first session after a last-minute redemption of some administration promises, but left with a huge backlog of unfinished legislation supported by the American Federation of Labor in the general public interest.

The most outstanding failure was the defeat of proposals in both houses to repeal the vicious Taft-Hartley law.

Other disappointments included disapproval of President Truman's plan to create a Department of welfare and the failure to bring to the floor of either house bills to establish a health insurance system and guarantee civil rights.

Unfinished action through one house were such important measures as those expanding social security, granting federal funds to state school systems and admission of displaced persons.

The 81st Congress in some respects is as difficult as the discredited 80th from the standpoint of enacting liberal legislation. AFL officials felt that the last-minute enactment of minimum wage, pay raises and military appropriations bills partially redeemed some of the high promises made at the beginning of the session.

Look for Speedier Action

They pointed out that the AFL's 68th convention made it plain that the 3,500,000 AFL members expect the second session of the 81st Congress starting in January to make greater progress on meeting the demands of the labor movement. They looked forward, broader social security, a health insurance system, a public middle-income housing and education.

The convention was explicit on Taft-Hartley repeal:

"If the 81st Congress persists in its refusal to act affirmatively, we are prepared again to make our appeal to the people of this country and to make Taft-Hartley repeal the paramount issue of the 1950 congressional election campaign."

A similar strong policy is in effect on all measures providing for the greater welfare of all the people.

Joseph Keenan, director of Labor's League for Political Education, expressed disappointment over the filibustering and deadlocks which characterized the session, but added he saw a ray of hope also.

The AFL's political and delaying tactics engaged in by the Taft-Byrd coalition "will further demonstrate not of strength," he said. "It is a sign of weakness that they cannot pass reactionary legislation and that all they can do is obstruct and hinder the enactment of progressive legislation. This is a great change from the 80th Congress when bill after bill was passed by a two-thirds majority over President Truman's veto."

Mr. Truman himself said that he is "confident that the American people will agree that the results have been well worth while."

The session lasted 250 days, longest in peacetime in 27 years.

Green and Ewing Challenge Views Of Legion Commander on Security

St. Paul.—President William Green put the AFL firmly on record in favor of the so-called "welfare state" that will accord decent security and adequate health and medical care for the workers of the nation.

Mr. Green and Federal Security Administrator Oscar Ewing differed sharply with Commander Lewis K. Craig of the American Legion on this issue in a debate highlighting the AFL's 68th convention.

Mr. Craig told the American Legion wants a state of welfare in which "everybody gets security." He said that more and more people are accepting an increasing reliance upon the national government, expecting security and more security. He called this a trend to "state-ism, paternalism and the socialistic encroachment of Communist misconception."

Mr. Ewing told delegates he hoped Mr. Craig would answer his challenge.

"These people who are going around the country damning statism either don't know the meaning of the word or they are against a republican form of government," Mr. Ewing said. "Stop statism! That is a reactionary cliche.

He said these people wanted government to step in when it served their own ends and profits, government help for the rich but not the poor.

"We will fight for it until it does come, and I believe in the right of every man not going to rest quietly until we achieve that program."

AFL WINS PAY RAISES FOR GOV'T WORKERS

Washington.—Congress granted pay increases for 1,400,000 government employes at the strong insistance of the AFL Government Employes Council.

The raise effective on the next pay day is the fourth won through the efforts of AFL government employe unions since 1946—the most remarkable record of achievement in improving federal government pay scales and working conditions in history.

The new laws:

1. Raise the salaries of 885,000 civil service employes an average of $140 a year.

2. Boost the pay of postal employes an average of $228 annually.

The pay bill for classified employes establishes longevity and grants workers in the lower grades up to $200 salary increase.

Amendments to the postal reclassification act grants $120 more a year to those in the lowest 3 classes of the lower grades, gives credit for past service and makes other adjustments so that the over-all average annual increase is $228.

29,000,000 NEW JOBS

New York.—The Twentieth Century Fund reports that nearly 29,000,000 workers engaged in meeting war needs of the armed forces at the peak of World War II have been reabsorbed into peacetime pursuits.

BASIC HOURLY WAGE IS FIXED AT 75 CENTS

Washington.—The AFL won its long fight to raise the minimum wage when Congress voted to increase the basic rate from 40 to 75 cents an hour.

The sweetness of victory was tasted through because Congress at the same time failed to bring the new top up to the $1 an hour figure sought by the AFL and because other amendments to the federal fair labor standards act chiseled away coverage and protection from thousands of deserving workers.

The increase in the minimum is the first important progressive change in the law since its enactment in 1938, when it was set at 25 cents effective in early next year, 90 days after President Truman signs the measure.

The higher rate is estimated as giving 1,200,000 workers a total increase of $200,000,000 annually.

More than 600,000 workers are removed from the coverage of the act. Most of the exemptions are so sweeping that court decisions will be necessary to define the terms.

ISSUE NEW FILM DIRECTORY

Washington.—The Federal Security Agency has just issued a 1949 directory listing by states and cities the 807 libraries or distributors that rent or loan 16-mm. films to schools or organizations. Copies of the new directory, Office of Education Bulletin 1949, No. 10, are available for 15 cents each from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.

Green Backs Fight To Kill Arkansas' Anti-Labor Law

Washington.—AFL President William Green has pledged support to repeal the misnamed "Freedom-to-Work" amendment to the Arkansas state constitution.

He made the drive to get every AFL member in Arkansas behind the repeal drive in a message to a report from Clarence R. Thornbrough, president of Little Rock Typographical Union No. 92 and its political education committee.

Mr. Thornbrough told Mr. Green in his report that the amendment was adopted in 1944 through efforts of the Christian-American Association of Texas and the Arkansas Free Enterprise Association. He called it worse than the Taft-Hartley law because it prohibits a union shop and any sort of contract excluding nonunion men.

Mr. Thornbrough said his union is financing the circulation of a petition to get an amendment on the 1950 ballot to repeal the anti-union provisions.

"We are confident we can win this fight," Mr. Green replied in behalf of Mr. Thornbrough said. "If our members and friends in the polls and take their wives and husbands we will win."

COST OF LIVING ROSE FRACTIONALLY IN AUG.

Washington.—The Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced in its monthly release on the cost of living that retail prices and goods and services purchased by moderate-income families in large cities were .2 percent higher in mid-August than in mid-July.

The consumers' price index on August 15 was 169.8, which was 2.3 percent below the level of a year ago; 24.6 percent higher than in June, 1946, and 71.2 percent above the August, 1939 level.